

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. After all, if there is any hope of economic recovery, it will only be sustainable with healthy small businesses. Think of the number of jobs with numerous ISPs vying to provide services compared to a "few" major tel-cos.